

SINGING & SONG LEADING



Time: Wednesday | New videos released at 12pm ET

Course Number: N/A

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A Note From the Instructor:

Let me begin with "Thank You" for your desire to take this course. This course is the first of a kind course for TCSOPCD and it is my hope that it will bless you richly. Thank you for wanting to become a greater servant for the Master, and for the thoughtful considerations you've made in wanting to improve your voice and talent for His glory. May the fruits that grow in giving a higher quality of worship abound in joy that God desires in your sacrifices of praise. ~ His servant, Ethan J. Tate

Purpose:

Singing is the means that God desires mankind to use in worship through the very instrument He designed for praise: the human voice. While some believe music is born into certain men, it is a developed ability, thus 'a good' that the Master has left His servants to return to Him with growth. This class is designed as an abbreviated, online self-paced course to help any Christian in learning basics about music, improve one's singing ability or leading songs, and increase one's Bible knowledge regarding music in scripture.

Course Layout:

This class is unique from TCSOPCD general course offerings in that *students have a choice in deciding which parts of the course they desire to pursue*. There are four different tracks available during this abbreviated 6-week course. They are as follows:

- Bible Knowledge (BK) - learn the use and commands regarding music in the Old & New Law.
- Singing (S) - learn to improve your voice through song & exercises.
- Song Leading (SL) - learn to improve your ability in leading songs for the congregation.
- Music Theory (MT) - learn to read and understand basic music terms, symbols, & notes.

Each week will have 4 video releases. Each video will be between 15-30 minutes. Students can choose to take any number of the tracks (1, 2, 3, or all 4). When decided, *please inform the instructor which track(s) you desire to take*. Once committed to a track, students can choose whether or not to submit assignments if given. If desiring feedback from exercises, know how to make audio/video recordings for the instructor. On the final week, there will be a bonus video released for anyone who desires to compose hymns and the process involved in writing music. All videos for this course are for private use only and must ask permission if used outside class.

Required Book:

Tackett, J. (2009). *Fundamentals of Church Music Theory*. Austin Christian Acappella Music for the Texas Normal Singing School.

How to Download:

PDF Download (Free) from Paperless Hymnal: <http://www.paperlesshymnal.com/textbooks/fundamentals/index.html>

Google Drive Access:

This class will have weekly charts, examples, and reference videos to use throughout the course. Students will be sent an email from the instructor with a link to access files needed for each week for each track. Students are responsible for checking, receiving, and printing new material each week and for uploading their own videos if desiring feedback from assignments.

Class Schedule | August 16th - September 20th | *New videos on Wednesday at 12pm ET*

Week 1 | August 16th

BK: Refine Your Talent to Sing
S: Learn to Hear Your Voice
SL: Considerations as a Song Leader
MT: Basics of Music: Staff, Notes, and Terms (pgs. 1-12)

Week 2 | August 23rd

BK: Music Under the Old Law
S: Learn to Train Your Voice I (Exercises)
SL: Learning to Conduct I: Basic Patterns & Habits
MT: Basics of Music: Key Signature & Reading Shape Notes (pgs. 19-22, 23-36)

Week 3 | August 30th

BK: Music Under the New Law
S: Learn to Hear Others
SL: Learning to Conduct II: Styled & Compound Patterns
MT: Basics of Music: Chromatic Scale (pgs. 37-42)

Week 4 | September 6th

BK: Discussions Around Instrumental Music
S: Learn to Train Your Voice II (Breathing)
SL: Practicing Proper Breathing When Leading
MT: Basics of Music: Note Length & Key Signatures (pgs. 43-50)

Week 5 | September 13th

BK: Developing a Psalm Mindset in Song
S: Learning & Sharing New Songs
SL: Cultivating the Worship Mindset
MT: Basics of Music: Rhythm & Bar Endings (pgs. 51-62)

Week 6 | September 20th

BK: Testing Hymns Through Him (*God's Approval*)
S: Follow the Leader: Watch Your Guide
SL: A Proper Way to Teach Others
MT: Basics of Music: Understanding Dynamics & Tempo (pgs. 63-66)
BONUS VIDEO Session: (1 Hour) -
Composing New Hymns for Worship